

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-12 and 14-18 have been withdrawn from consideration in this application. Please amend claim 50 as follows:

1. (Withdrawn) A stretchable composite material comprising:
 - a) a first layer;
 - b) a second layer;
 - c) at least one elongated elastic member;
 - d) the elastic members located between the first and second layers and being in contact with the first and second layers;
 - e) regions of securement securing the elastic members, first and second layers; and
 - f) the stretchable composite material having a maximum elongation of at least about 85% of the elongation of the elastic member.
2. (Withdrawn) The composite material of claim 1 in which the elastic members are slightly out of parallel.
3. (Withdrawn) The composite material of claim 1 in which the elastic members are roughly parallel.
4. (Withdrawn) The composite material of claim 1 in which the plurality of elastic members is comprised of a single strand.
5. (Withdrawn) The composite material of claim 1 in which the regions of securement are approximately the same size and are spaced approximately equally apart from each other.

6. (Withdrawn) The composite material of claim 1 in which the maximum elongation of the composite is at least about 90% of the elongation of an elastic member.

7. (Withdrawn) The elastic composite material of claim 1 in which the maximum elongation of the composite is at least about 95% of the elongation of an elastic member.

8. (Withdrawn) The composite material of claim 1 comprising at least one stiffened edge.

9. (Withdrawn) The composite material of claim 1 wherein the first layer comprises a breathable material.

10. (Withdrawn) The composite material of claim 1 wherein the first layer comprises a non-breathable material.

11. (Withdrawn) The composite material of claim 10 wherein the second layer comprises a breathable material.

12. (Withdrawn) The composite material of claim 10 wherein the second layer comprises a non-breathable material.

14. (Withdrawn) The composite material of claims 1, 9, or 10 wherein the first layer comprises a water impervious material.

15. (Withdrawn) The composite material of claims 1, 9, or 10 wherein the first layer comprises a water pervious material.

16. (Withdrawn) The composite material of claims 1, 11, or 12 wherein the second layer comprises a water impervious material.

17. (Withdrawn) The composite material of claims 1, 11, or 12 wherein the second layer comprises a water pervious material.

18. (Withdrawn) The composite material of claim 1 comprising zones of attachment.

48. (Previously Presented) A stretchable composite material comprising: a first layer, the first layer being a breathable material; a second layer, the second layer being a breathable material; at least two elastic members, the elastic members position in between the first and second layers; regions of securement securing the elastic members, the first layer and the second layer; the regions of securement further comprising attached zones; the attached zones extending traverse and across a majority of the elastic members; wherein the stretchable composite material has a maximum elongation of at least about 85% of the elongation of the elastic members.

49. (Previously Presented) The composite material of claim 48 further comprising a stiffened edge.

50. (Currently Amended) An article comprising the composite material of claims 4 or 48.